
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

AN ACT

To provide for the construction of a submarine cable.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized
4 to cause to be constructed and laid down a submarine cable
5 from Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, or Fort Monroe, to Gal-
6 veston, Texas; touching at Fort Macon, North Carolina;
7 Port Royal, South Carolina; Fernandina, Florida; Key West,
8 Florida; Fort Pickens, Florida; and Galveston, Texas; with
9 a branch from Fort Pickens to New Orleans, or such part of
10 said lines as the exigencies of the military service may re-
11 quire. And the Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into
12 contract, on behalf of the United States, with such responsi-
13 ble parties as shall give security for the prompt and faithful
14 execution of the work.

Passed the House of Representatives February 4, 1863.

Attest:

EM. ETHERIDGE, *Clerk.*